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- (a) There is a nonresident dealer's permit.
- (b) The Comptroller may issue the permit to:
- (1) a bottler, brewer, distiller, manufacturer, rectifier, vintner, or winery;
- (2) a sales agent of a person described in item (1) of this subsection, on presentation of proof of the sales agency relationship to the Comptroller;
- (3) an importer of beer, wine, or distilled spirits produced outside the United States that purchases directly from the brand owner or from a sales agent of a person described in item (1) of this subsection that:
 - (i) is authorized by the brand owner to sell in the State; and
- (ii) provides proof of the sales agency relationship to the Comptroller; or
- (4) an American sales agent of an importer described in item (3) of this subsection, on presentation of proof of the sales agency relationship to the Comptroller.
 - (c) The Comptroller may not issue the permit to a person that:
 - (1) is a holder of a wholesaler's license or retail license;
 - (2) has an interest in a wholesaler licensed under this article; or
 - (3) has an interest in any retail license holder.
- (d) The permit authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, or distilled spirits to license holders authorized to receive the beverages.
- (e) The permit holder may sell, consign, or deliver from a location outside the State to a person in the State that is authorized to receive them those beers, wines, or distilled spirits that the permit holder:

- (1) bottles, distills, imports, manufactures, produces, or rectifies from outside the United States; or
 - (2) represents as the designated sales agent.
- (f) A person who is a bottler, a brewer, a distiller, an importer, a manufacturer, a rectifier, a vintner, or a winery or the designated agent of the person may not discriminate directly or indirectly in price between license holders.
- (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the permit holder may continue to sell, consign, or deliver a brand of beer in the State from outside the State:
- (1) to a person in the State who may receive the beer under this article; and
- (2) until the person who is the brewer or importer of that brand of beer or the person's designated sales agent preempts the sales territory by appointing a franchise license holder in accordance with the Beer Franchise Fair Dealing Act under Title 5, Subtitle 1 of this article.
- (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a permit is not required to make direct sales and shipments to a wholesaler in the State from a location outside the continental limits and possessions of the United States.
 - (i) The permit fee is \$200.

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